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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week was a reminder that Los Angeles is a multi-culture melting pot. We celebrated African American Heritage Month by honoring the many accomplishments of our African American brothers and sisters. We also celebrated the Chinese Lantern Festival with lion dancers and drummers in Council. I joined my colleagues in voting to allow urban beekeeping, and later in the week I met with the State Historic Park to discuss long term programming for the State Park in Los Angeles, known as the Corn Fields Park. I attended a DMV hearing that hoped to answer questions for those who will be newly eligible for driver's licenses upon the implementation of AB60. Finally, we introduce you to our District Director Conrado Terrazas.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day with all your loved ones!

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Celebrating African American Heritage Month



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Monday we celebrated African American Heritage Month. This is a time for our city, state and nation to recognize the many achievements African Americans have contributed to our daily life. I am honored to have been a part of this celebration, as most of my role models, dating back to my days at SEIU, were strong African American figures. Experience and celebrate the many riches of our African American Culture this month, check out something to do [here](#).

Later this month we will be dedicating a square to Lincoln Height's own and NFL's first African American superstar Kenny Washington.

Bees Are the Buzz at LA City Council



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Bee supporters were abuzz on Tuesday as the City Council approved a motion asking the Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division, with the assistance and cooperation of other affected departments, to report on best practices with respect to the humane, nonlethal treatment of nuisance bee colonies, including rescue and relocation practices, as an alternative to colony extermination.

Noting that bees have been reported to be in steep decline and expressing concern because of the important role of bees as pollinators of California's substantial agricultural industry and the local economy, the City Council swarmed at the opportunity to approve this motion.

Read the motion [here](#).

Florence Nightingale Statue Motion

(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Wednesday Councilmember Cedillo introduced a motion for the Florence Nightingale statue in Lincoln Park. Since 1937 this statue has been located in Lincoln Park and it is truly a 'city asset.' Efforts should be made to repair it and safeguard it at its present location.

The statue was a permanent gift to the City from the federal Works Progress Administration, and has significant historical value. The motion asks that the Cultural Affairs Department be directed to report with recommendations for the protection, restoration, and funding of efforts to retain the Florence Nightingale statue in Lincoln Park.

Read the motion [here](#).

Atilio Benavides-Amaya Reward Motion



(Photo Credit: LAPD)

Today the City Council approved a \$50,000 reward motion for the death of Atilio Benavides-Amaya. On November 6, 2013, at approximately 8:15 p.m., 39 year-old Atilio Benavides-Amaya was walking down the sidewalk near the northwest corner of 14th Street and Union Avenue in Los Angeles when he shot and killed. A witness in the area told Detectives that he saw two African-American males walk towards the victim. The witness then heard three gunshots and saw the two males run away from the victim towards a getaway car. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, and hope that a monetary reward compels members of the public to provide more information.

Read the motion [here](#).

Consolidated Plan Update



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

As you may recall, the Consolidated Plan for Year 40 had been delayed due to a recent determination by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD). The decision stated that the City is out of compliance with CDBG regulations in its use of the Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) funding category. This had put all of the city's Family Source Centers at risk. This week the Housing Committee heard a presentation from the Mayor's Office on the 40thYear budget, where it was able to fund all Family Source Centers (12% reduction). The committee has stated that they are committed in finding alternative source of funding for services not funded, like Aging and the GRYD Program. A report back from the Chief Legislative Analyst is due to come back in 2 weeks. For a copy of the full budget please click the [link](#).

FIELD UPDATE

Meeting with State Historic Park



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Thursday Councilmember Cedillo met with representatives from the State Historic Park (Cornfield Park) in Chinatown. The team presented its plans for the park's remodeling, which will include greening the space and adding trees and native plants. Councilmember Cedillo shared his concerns over recent events held at the park (raves). The State Historic Park representatives agreed to work with the Council Office to develop best management practices. In addition, they will be conducting a series of outreach meetings with the community. In the interim, the Park will be closed for construction and will reopen in the spring of 2015.

NEWS UPDATE

Celebrating Bob Baker



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Councilmember Gil Cedillo proudly recognized Bob Baker today in council. The council celebrated Mr. Baker's 90th birthday and acknowledged his work as a puppeteer whose marionettes have entertained thousands of children and adults worldwide for more than 70 years. His theater is located at 1345 West 1st Street in the Temple Beaudry neighborhood of CD1.

Celebrating Chinese Lantern Festival



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Councilmember Cedillo brought Chinese Dragons and drummers to City council today to honor the Chinese Lantern Festival. Today is the Lantern Festival, which is one of the most important of five traditional festivals in China, and which is celebrated by Chinese Americans throughout the United States. The festival is always on the 15th day of the first month of the lunar calendar. This day brings the Chinese New Year festivities to their peak and also marks the end of the New Year celebrations.

We are honored to partake in the many festivities for the year of the horse and bring the excitement to the rest of the Council.

DMV Hearing Meeting



(Photo Credit: Sergio Infanzon)

On Thursday night Councilmember Cedillo joined the DMV and California Latino Legislative Caucus for the final legislative hearing to prepare for California Driver's Licenses. AB60 was signed into law by Governor Brown during the last legislative cycle. DMV is working tirelessly day to implement the law and make our roads and highways safer for all motorists.

Getting To Know Team Cedillo: Conrado Terrazas



(Photo Credit: Conrado Terrazas)

Name: Conrado Terrazas

What do you do for CD1?
District Director

Where were you born and raised?

I was born at Temple Hospital in Silver Lake and grew up in East LA. I went to Robert Hill Lane Elementary, Riggan Avenue Elementary in East LA and Schurr Jr. and High School in Montebello.

How'd you get your start in Public Service?

My first public service job was community and union organizer for the United Farm Workers Union. It was a very exciting time during the grape boycott and union representation elections in the fields. I grew up in a very political household, as my parents were very involved in politics, so I carried on the family tradition.

Favorite place to visit in CD1?

The North Figueroa business district in Highland Park where our district office is located. I love the historic buildings and homes.

What's the best kept secret in CD1?

MacArthur Park and the historic buildings that surround such as the Park Plaza Hotel. It is a diamond in the rough that we are going to make it shine.

What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue are and why?

Jobs and Economic Development. Jobs at all levels with health care are the key improving the lives of our constituents. A vibrant economy helps everyone as it brings good health and education to our families.

If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?

Affordable housing for everyone with supportive services for those needs them.

What do people not know about you?

That I worked on the Oscar Campaign for the United Artists film, RAIN MAN. One of my tasks was to get the home and/or work phone numbers of each voting member of the Academy....and I got most of them...so we lobby them to vote for the film. We won Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, Best Director, and Best Actor.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ASNC Board Candidate Workshop
Saturday, February 15th, 2014
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Ramona Hall
4580 Figueroa Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90065
election@asnc.us



4th Annual Lummis Day Film Night Presents
"Detained in the Desert" and "Sacred Journey,"
Two Films About Dramatic Life Passages
Saturday, February 22nd, 2014
7:00 PM
The Church On York
4904 York Blvd
Highland Park, CA 90042

L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk & Bike Ride
Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 8:00 AM
943 North Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90032
www.firecracker10k.org



Kenny Washington Square Dedication
Thursday, February 24th, 2014
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
North Broadway/Lincoln Park Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031



Free Tax Preparation
El Centro Del Pueblo Family Source Center
1824 Sunset Blvd. (between Sunset & Lemoyne)
Los Angeles, CA90026
(213) 483-6335 ext. 111



Free Artmaking Workshops
Cypress Park Family Source Center
Thursday, February 6th – April 17th, 2014
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
929 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065



LACC Art Exhibit
February 8th – March 1st, 2014
Avenue 50 Studio Gallery
131 North Avenue 50
Highland Park, CA 90042

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